

Vance, Ahmed to meet in Paris

ISLAMABAD, May 27 (AFP). — United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Pakistan Foreign Minister Aziz Ahmed will meet in Paris next week to discuss bilateral relations, official sources here said today. Mr. Vance left for the French capital today to take part in a ministerial conference on international economic issues. The sources said Mr. Vance, who will also be present in Paris, and Mr. Aziz Ahmed will take the opportunity to discuss bilateral relations. Relations between the two countries became strained following Pakistani accusations of American intervention in its internal affairs. While denying the charge, the U.S. government had suggested "quiet" discussions with Pakistan.

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Prince Fahd leaves Washington

WASHINGTON, May 27 (R). — Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia left here for home today after a three-day visit during which he had talks with President Carter and other U.S. officials on the Middle East issues. After a final round of talks at the White House on Wednesday, the president said Prince Fahd had assured him that Saudi Arabia would not use its massive oil reserves as a weapon in the Arab-Israeli dispute. Meanwhile a presidential palace spokesman said in Paris today that Crown Prince Fahd will have breakfast talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Monday.

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Neto forces crush dissidents who controlled Luanda radio

LUANDA, May 27 (AFP). — The Angolan government said today it had put down an uprising by dissident troops who seized control of the national radio and called on the people to take to the streets. The rebels held the radio station for several hours before government forces, backed by Cubans, burst in and seized back control. The government then announced over the radio that loyal troops "controlled the situation" and were backing the ruling MPLA Party, the armed forces chief of staff and the government. It instructed government forces to return to their units and to wait for orders. It also called on MPLA Pa-

ty militants to tell the population to remain indoors "in order to allow the counter-revolutionaries to be detected".

Although the situation was still unclear early in the afternoon, it appeared the rebels were supporters of Nito Alves, former Interior Minister, and head of an MPLA splinter group, who was expelled from the party Central Committee on Saturday, and Ozaire van Du-

ren, the former armed forces political commissar. During the period that they held the radio station, the rebels called for the release from prison of Mr. Alves and Mr. Van Duuren and denounced "repression against Marxist-Leninists and the popular masses".

At one time the rebel radio said that "former combatants" had been set free, but there was no confirmation of this later in the day.

The uprising broke in the early hours of the morning and shooting and explosions were heard in several quarters of the capital for four hours.

Informed sources said the clashes were probably between government forces and rebels attempting to storm the prison where Mr. Alves and Van Duuren were being held.

Shooting was also reported from Mutamba Square, in front of the presidential palace, where demonstrators had flocked in response to the radio appeal for the population to take to the streets.

The capture of the radio station was heard "live" by listeners as Cubans and forces loyal to President Agostinho Neto burst into the studio.

Listeners could hear Cuban-accented voices over the radio. A broadcaster later announced the situation was normal. "The radio is in the hands of the revolutionaries (pro-government). It is with Agostinho Neto", he said.

An MPLA Political Bureau communique later said, "Agitation in the pay of international imperialism and internal reaction tried to cause a situation of confusion and destruction by disorientating the people and using counter-revolutionary orders."

"Some of their agents managed to enter the national radio building and tried to lead the people into taking part in an insane demonstration against the government".

The government broadcast called on the people to wait for a statement by President Neto.



ABOARD SUBMARINE -- President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn stand aboard the nuclear submarine Los Angeles Friday.

Carter tests U.S. ability to conduct sea warfare

CAPE CARNIVAL, FLORIDA, May 27 (AFP). — President Jimmy Carter, a former naval officer and atomic engineer, left here with his wife Rosalynn aboard the nuclear submarine U.S.S. Los Angeles today, to evaluate American strategic forces for himself during a ten-hour voyage.

The 108 metre long craft, one of 108 in service with the American Navy with 31 more under construction, slipped out into the Atlantic from near the Kennedy space centre launch pads, and was to dive three hours later about 50 kms. from the coast.

Mr. Carter, also accompanied by Adm. Hyman Rickover, father of American nuclear submarines, intended to try the controls during the trip. "They have some automatic devices to prevent serious errors. I am sure I will be well watched", he commented.

Mr. Carter and his wife, who was wearing slacks and a straw hat, remained on the submarine's bridge as it set sail flying the presidential flag, cheered by the base's personnel here.

Journalists were not allowed on board because of ultra-secret equipment, and followed the surface part of the voyage from another craft. The dive location was surveyed by a destroyer and a helicopter. Manoeuvres including a simulated attack were planned during the voyage. Nuclear submarines of the Los Angeles type can operate for ten or 12 years without needing to be refuelled, and have a crew of about 130.

Mr. Carter served on board conventional submarines for nearly two years during his naval career, and made a voyage of 19 days along the coast of Eastern China in 1948.

The only other American president to take a submarine trip was the late Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1957, in the U.S.S. Sea Wolf.

Moscow publishes note against Chinese policy

MOSCOW, May 27 (AFP). — Sino-Soviet relations took a turn for the worse today with the publication of a Soviet diplomatic note to Peking couched in threatening terms.

Accusing the Chinese government and its leaders of "willful slanders and provocation", the note warned that China's attitude was "heavy with consequences".

"Those who call for an organised crusade against the land of the Soviets should not forget how campaigns of this sort ended in the past", the note declared, referring to the defeat of Nazi Germany in the Second World War.

The note, dated May 19, was published today in Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper. It did not express what has come to be ritual hopes for an eventual reconciliation once the Chinese had seen the error of their ways, ending instead with the statement that "Chinese leaders are assuming on behalf of their people the grave responsibility for the consequences of their anti-Soviet campaign".

The note, delivered to the Chinese charge d'affaires in Moscow, followed recent Soviet warnings to the Western powers that they were underestimating the dangers of "Chinese militarism".

The fact that Moscow chose to reply to recent Chinese statements with a diplomatic note was regarded as a significant sign of a hardening of the Soviet position. The tone of the language used was also seen here as noteworthy, recalling the diatribes published here when there were blood incidents on the Sino-Soviet border in 1969.

"The inevitability and even the desirability of a new world war is preached in Peking in obnoxious fashion", the Soviet note charged. "The idea of detente is anathematised. Everything is done to prevent the affirmation of the non-recourse to force in inter-state relations".

The note added that "anti-Soviet declarations are not a part of Chinese propaganda but also come from persons in high official positions".

It rejected the Chinese view that the question was one of ideological polemics. "An ideological discussion has nothing in common with actions that can only be qualified as willful slanders and provocation", the note stated.

Pravda had already made a sharp attack on China's military policies two weeks ago that gave some measure of the mood in the Kremlin. It was signed by Alexandrov, a pseudonym used to designate the Soviet Communist Party leadership as a whole and it was addressed both to the West as well as to China.

The Soviet daily complained that "the forces in the West which support Peking do not see that Chinese militarism will turn against them one day."

For accepting cabinet post Moshe Dayan at centre of political storm

TEL AVIV, May 27 (Agencies) — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's bid to become foreign minister in a rightwing Israeli government faltered today amid a storm of criticism over his switch of political allegiance.

Mr. Dayan came under fierce attack from the ranks of the Likud bloc, whose leader, Mr. Menachem Begin, apparently undertook to hand the foreign ministry portfolio to Mr. Dayan without consulting all the factions in his movement.

Mr. Simcha Erlich, leader of the Liberal Party component of the Likud bloc, said in a radio broadcast that Gen. Dayan should stand down because of the widespread opposition aroused by his nomination among the public and in political circles.

The Likud leadership is to meet on Sunday to discuss Gen. Dayan's nomination which observers say is now seriously in question.

Meanwhile Labour Party Secretary General Meir Zarmi has told Gen. Dayan that his name has been removed from the party list.

The party has no way of forcing the general to resign from the Knesset. If he refused to resign he would sit as an independent.

Mr. Begin's decision has caused an unprecedented wave of protest in Likud circles.

The bloc's two major components are Mr. Begin's Herut Party and Mr. Erlich's Liberals. Mr. Erlich today told the newspaper Maariv: "Since yesterday I have received telephone calls from people who are protesting that Likud will lose its souls because of the Dayan affair. Begin presented me with a fair accompi. I have protested to him, stressing that"

my party would react vigorously". Reaction in Herut circles was said today to be mixed but mainly negative.

Mr. Begin is in hospital with chest pains and suffered a severe heart attack two months ago. He was believed to have picked Mr. Dayan as a possible heir after difficulties with his allies within Likud over giving such a position to Gen. Ezer Weizman, Mr. Begin's deputy in the Herut faction of Likud.

Mr. Dayan's sudden change of political allegiance after longtime Labour membership halted the negotiations for the formation of a coalition government which were under way between Likud and the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC).

The National Religious Party (NRP), which agrees with Mr. Begin's hard-line views on the Arab-Israeli conflict also said it would be uncomfortable in

a government which included Mr. Dayan.

The Jerusalem Post, which once lionised the general, wrote today that "his treacherous move was unprecedented."

"... The bitter and naked truth is that (his switch from Labour to Likud) was an act of political opportunism which even staunch supporters of the Likud could not easily stomach," the paper said.

One of Likud's leaders, Mr. Arve Duzin, said he would refuse to serve in any government with Mr. Dayan. Mr. Duzin had told reporters before the Dayan appointment was known that he would be the Likud foreign minister.

Mr. Dayan himself said in a newspaper interview today that "if Mr. Begin decides, for any reason, to withdraw his proposal that I should become foreign minister in his government, I shall have no hard feelings and will not make any complaints."

South Africa to create central administrative authority in Namibia

CAPE TOWN, May 27 (AFP). — South Africa will introduce legislation to create a central administrative authority in South West Africa (Namibia), Prime Minister John Vorster announced here today.

The move appeared to indicate that Mr. Vorster was prepared to drop South Africa's own constitutional plan in favour of one proposed by the five Western members of the United Nations Security Council — France, the United States, Canada, Britain and West Germany. Diplomatic sources said ambassadors from these countries would be meeting the South African government before a Security Council vote on Namibia on June 6.

Mr. Vorster told parliament he informed American Vice President Walter Mondale at their meeting in Vienna last week that South Africa had always been ready to receive a representative from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "to see that an election in the territory is just and fair. But the South African government is not prepared to surrender

Southwest Africa and its people." Commenting on U.S. calls for the release of detainees in Namibia, Mr. Vorster said that Mr. Mondale did not distinguish between political and other detainees.

He said that in Zambia and Tanzania some 500 to 700 members of SWAPO, the South West African People's Organisation, were being held because they did not back the leadership of SWAPO's Sam Nujoma.

Mr. Vorster said he had made a "strong case" for the acceptance of the Turnhalle constitutional conference, which formed the cornerstone of their constitutional plan for Namibia, arguing that a conference so representative could not be found anywhere in the world.

Soviet body meets to approve draft constitution

MOSCOW, May 27 (AFP). — The Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet met in the Kremlin today to approve a new draft constitution drawn up by the constitutional commission, Radio Moscow reported.

The text of the constitution will be published on June 4. The special session of the Supreme Soviet will be held in October to adopt the final version.

The radio said Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, who is chairman of the constitutional commission, had presented a report on the draft. The Praesidium also approved the words and music of the new Soviet national anthem which will be played from Sept. 1, this year, the radio said.

Meanwhile, western analysts believed today that Mr. Nikolai Podgorny, dismissed on Tuesday from the Communist Party politburo, is no longer carrying out his head of state duties.

The analysts pointed out that since Tuesday, the "Ukaz" (decrees) issued by the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet which Mr. Podgorny heads are no longer signed by him.

They are drawn up by a collegiate group and, contrary to custom, are not signed.

When a number of new ambassadors, including Italy's Giuseppe Walter Macotta, presented their credentials today, they met not with Mr. Podgorny but with Sabir Mazbekov, one of the vice presidents of the Supreme Soviet.

The last time Mr. Podgorny's signature figured as head of state was on Tuesday in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, which published a message of congratulations he had sent the day before to President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia on his 85th birthday.

TASS news agency today published a number of decrees by one of the Soviet republics, Russia, all of them bearing the signature of the President of the Republic's Supreme Soviet, Mikhail Yasnov.

But none of the country's Supreme Soviet Praesidium's decrees released by the agency today were signed.

Analysts pointed out that even when Mr. Podgorny was absent in the past from Moscow — for example, during his African trip in March — Supreme Soviet Praesidium decrees still carried his signature.

Such a case was on March 25, when, while he was in Tanzania, a decree awarding a decoration to an 80-year-old militant was dated from the Kremlin and signed by Mr. Podgorny.

The analysts also underlined the fact that neither the press nor television has mentioned him since his dismissal from the Party politburo on Tuesday.

All this, the analysts said, points to the conclusion that he is no longer exercising his head of state duties, although the post has not been declared vacant and he has not officially resigned.

U.S. briefs Japan on withdrawal from S. Korea

TOKYO, May 27 (R). — Gen. George Brown, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and American Under-Secretary of State Philip Habib today briefed Japanese leaders on the proposed withdrawal of U.S. ground troops from South Korea.

General Brown and Mr. Habib conferred with Foreign Minister Ichiro Hatoyama soon after arriving from Seoul, where President Park Chung-Hee reluctantly accepted the American plan to pull out 33,000 troops over the next four years.

Before leaving Seoul, Gen. Brown told an airport press conference he did not believe the withdrawal would unduly increase the risk of war in Korea.

"That is the view that is shared by the joint chiefs of staff of the United States and by our intelligence organisations", he said.

In Washington, Maj.-Gen. John Singlaub, dismissed by President Carter as chief of staff in Korea for criticising the withdrawal plan, repeated his view at a congressional hearing on Wednesday that the move was likely to encourage an attack from North Korea.

Mr. Habib told the press conference in Seoul that South Korea, with U.S. support, had achieved "a capability for self-reliant defence".

He added that the U.S. would retain its security commitment to South Korea.

LEBANESE FRONT DECLARES CAIRO AGREEMENT VOID

BEIRUT, May 27 (AFP). — The fighting Lebanese Front today declared the Cairo agreement on the Palestinian presence in Lebanon null and void and said the Palestinian presence was "illegal".

Saudi Arabia will continue moderation on oil prices

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AFP) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani today said his country would continue to show moderation on oil prices, but he did not rule out the possibility of a slight rise in Saudi crude rates.

Speaking to journalists, the minister said Saudi Arabia would seek to keep any new oil price increase at the lowest possible level.

He said there were encouraging signs that plans for a five per cent increase in oil prices on July 1 by 11 of Saudi Arabia's partners in the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) might be abandoned.

New round of all-out fighting expected in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 27 (R). — The civil war adversaries in Lebanon's sensitive south appeared headed for another round of all-out fighting today following the destruction of water installations supplying the rightists' major stronghold.

A spokesman for the Phalangist Party, the biggest rightwing organisation in Lebanon, today spoke to Reuters in the village of Marjayoun, 8 kms. north of the Israeli frontier.

He said destruction of the installations also affected nearby Qleia and a number of settlements in an area housing about 20,000 people.

"The situation is heating up slowly but surely," the spokesman said, adding that water for Marjayoun's inhabitants was now being transported by tankers.

He would not say where the water transports were coming from but after a major leftist-Palestinian offensive early last month, the town's food supply routes through Lebanon were cut and its residents received supplies from Israel.

Reports reaching here from the south said five people had been wounded when rightist militiamen in Marjayoun fought each other following a dispute over evacuation of civilians from the embattled town.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said Israeli troops backed by armour had stormed into the village of Yarin, less than 1 km. from the border, early today and destroyed a leftwing position.

Security Council approves closing 2 Rhodesian offices

UNITED NATIONS, New York, May 27 (AFP). — The Security Council today unanimously approved measures that will mean the closing down of two of the three remaining Rhodesian information bureaux abroad in Washington and Sydney.

Observers commented that the measure would presumably not affect the third information bureau, in Pretoria, resolution adopted by all 15 member nations of the Security Council, including the United States, including U.N. member countries to refuse to

accept the transfer of Rhodesian funds for the financing of Rhodesian offices or agencies.

Exempted from the ruling are offices handling the payment of Rhodesian pensions.

The Security Council resolution also stipulated that the council would meet again before Nov. 11 at the latest to consider new economic sanctions against Rhodesia, as well as a partial or full break-off of diplomatic and communications relations with the white-ruled rebel British territory.

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Zap! Sizzle! Bang!

By Gwynne Dyer
You need not be particularly cynical to suspect that the recent flood of revelations about Russian work on ray weapons is connected with bureaucratic in-fighting in the U.S. administration.

gentle art of panic-mongering when it sees a threat to its interests. Nevertheless, it is now fairly certain that ray weapons are technically possible, and probably could reach operational status within the next decade.

for ray defences and cancel the ABM treaty -- or simply pretend that it does not apply to these 'exotic' systems -- could prove irresistible.

Act of opportunism?

Mr. Moshe Dayan, former defence minister and the man largely discredited by the reversals suffered by the Israeli army in the first week of the 1973 war, has come under scathing criticism by the Israeli press for being a political opportunist in agreeing to serve as foreign minister in Mr. Menachem Begin's Likud dominated government to be.

Admittedly to desert one's party (especially after it had just lost the elections) indicates an elasticity of principles if not "treachery" as some commentaries had it.

Yet is Mr. Dayan betraying his principles in this case? Isn't he rather being true to his colours in striking an alliance with Mr. Begin? After all, Gen. Dayan was a member of Rafi, a group of hard-line hawks within the Labour Party.

Isn't Mr. Dayan the man who last year argued that Israel should get an independent nuclear deterrent free of American control, which would suit Mr. Begin just fine, who is looking for ways to side-step U.S. pressure to make peace?

Mr. Dayan, who was swept to fame on the shoulders of British and French forces during the Suez invasion in 1956, and who was discredited by the unpreparedness of the Israeli army in 1973, has been straddling the fence since, hiding his time, waiting for an opportunity to regain personal prominence.

In view of this, and given his personal inclinations, the treason and opportunism of which he is now being accused applies more to the fact that he stayed within the Labour Party than in his accepting the offer made to him by Mr. Begin.

Mr. Dayan's rise to prominence was an act of opportunism in the first place (he hardly ran into any Egyptian force worth mentioning when he swept into the Sinai in 1956 -- they were too busy fighting the British and the French.)

It suited the Israelis to idolise him at the time for taking credit where it was not due. That was an act of opportunism. His staying with the Labour Party was an act of convenience at best. Now they are blaming him for being true to his own colours.

Mr. Dayan's principles may be elastic, but one should not blame him for being honest for once. He might have just done Labour a big favour.

It is so coincidence that President Carter is due to make a final decision on ordering 244 new B-1 bombers in June. Neither is the timing of these relations unconnected with the Air Force's anxiety that Carter might negotiate away the present American advantages in Cruise missiles in the SALT talks.

There is therefore some ground for doubt that the Russians could deploy operational anti-ballistic missile (ABM) defences based on lasers and/or proton beams nearly as early as the 1980 date suggested by some USAF sources. The Air Force is no stranger to the

temptation to either side to opt for ray defences and cancel the ABM treaty -- or simply pretend that it does not apply to these 'exotic' systems -- could prove irresistible.

Even with effective defences, they suggest, a slower process of escalation and a much longer period of nuclear war could break just as much destruction in the end. It might also involve far larger numbers of nuclear detonations, though mostly not over targets.

No imaginable nuclear war could be worse than the kind we would have to fight now, however. The real question -- to which nobody has a convincing answer yet -- is whether strong defences would be better or worse than no defences in the task of preventing a nuclear war in the first place.

What is clear, as the U.S. Air Force has already discerned, is that there would be far greater military activity in space if it is showing new interest in the heavy weight-lifting abilities of the civilian Space Shuttle project, and much more stress on bombers and Cruise missiles.

It is of course possible (though improbable) that ray weapons cannot be made operationally effective in military roles in the near future. It is somewhat more likely that the superpowers may choose to forego them by treaty, though a degree of pessimism must be permitted.

will be developed, more probably sooner than later, and that the political pressures to deploy them operationally will ultimately be overwhelming.

High-energy laser weapons, proton beams could offer workable defence against ballistic missiles

In recent months there has been a growing volume of reports that the two super-powers are working on ray weapons to attack objects in space. This would pose an immediate threat to the satellites devoted to reconnaissance, communications and early warning which form a large part of the strategic nervous systems of the two countries. It also suggests a possibility of destroying incoming missiles in space, which would challenge the whole concept of deterrence.

There is now ample proof that the Russians have been testing high-energy lasers from their Semipalatinsk base in Central Asia. The U.S. budget for military laser research this year is \$261 million.

Dr. George Heilmeler, Director of the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency, recently testified to Congress that a fundamental breakthrough in stepping up laser power had been achieved. Work is going ahead on a light-weight chemical laser which could be tested in space by the start of the next decade.

Since January U.S. Air Force sources have been warning urgently that the Soviet Union is working on an even more powerful ray weapon, the 'charged-particle' or proton beam. Leaks to the respected technical journal Aviation Week led in early May to the publication of a sensational article alleging that American satellites and infra-red sensors had detected at least seven Russian tests of such a weapon since November 1975.

High-energy laser weapons offer the possibility of instantaneous destruction at virtually unlimited range. Dr. Heilmeler suggested in February that their potential uses included 'detonating missile warheads in space, disrupting communications, and even destroying bombers'. However, they need to be based in space for maximum efficiency, and require precise detection of the target and exact aiming to be effective.

The proton beam is potentially an even more serious challenge to the current assumption that missiles will always get through (though the technical problems of perfecting it are more formidable). It can be ground-based, and unlike lasers it may not need an elaborate system of target detection and aiming to be effective.

It has been suggested that by sweeping the proton beam very rapidly back and forth across the whole sky a curtain of energy could be created at a height of several thousand miles which would detonate any warheads passing through it. If that is so, it would constitute the first truly workable defence against ballistic missiles.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two Jordanian dailies welcomed President Carter's belief that Israel must withdraw from occupied territories while a third daily commented on Israel's present offensive to set up as many Jewish settlements on Arab lands as possible and a fourth daily called on the Arabs to rely on their strength and not on hopes fostered by others.

Mr. Carter's refusal to be affected by Begin's extremism fosters trust in his adherence to the moral principles which he said would characterise his country's foreign policy. But, the paper added, we do not rule out the possibility that the "godfather" of Israeli extremism will resort to new showdowns with the U.S. president.

AL RAJ focusing attention on the creation of military settlements in the occupied territories said that Israel's only concern at present is to create as many settlements as it can on Arab lands. For this purpose, the paper added, it had mobilised the Israeli Students Union and the Jewish Agency. Gush Emunim and other extremist groups are expressing readiness to establish new ones, the paper said.

However, the paper concluded that the Arabs should launch an intelligent information campaign in the United States to encourage the U.S. administration to face Israeli extremism.

"What concerns us, first and foremost is that Arab lands remain their character and remain inhabited by Arabs. It concerns us little that an Israeli government is formed under the leadership of Begin or Pares, or whether the Israeli government boycotts Geneva.

AL SHA'B, discussing a White House statement that Israel has to effect a substantial withdrawal from occupied Arab lands said that the statements made by the new U.S. administration were the first positive initiatives taken by the new American administration towards determining required conditions for the settlement of the crisis or at least some of them.

We call on the Jordanian government to take the initiative and warn the Arabs of that danger. What kind of Geneva or what kind of solution could we expect if this assault attains its aims". The paper concluded.

However, there still is a great difference between a substantial and total withdrawal, the paper said. A total withdrawal is the only condition for peace. The U.S. is the only party which can force Israel on to the road of peace and thus save its existence, the paper concluded.

AL DUSTOUR, discussed President Carter's press conference on Thursday. The paper considers it as an indirect reply by the U.S. to Begin's extremist declaration on the occupied territories. The U.S. president refused to change his position on the Middle East which he has made clear during the U.S.-Arab talks.

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Absurdity's loophole By Bassam Bishuti

Which news would you read?

A well-dressed and well-spoken gentleman recently appeared at the office of the Jordan Times demanding that we publish what he described as "a press release of great importance to me."

-- air crashes, earthquakes and demonstrations -- caused me to think that readers must surely believe that we, in the Jordan Times, are so inhuman since the news we consider significant is this ugly and violent sort. But, I reflected, newspapers all over the world do likewise. Are all journalists so warped-minded, or is it that 'the public demands to read such things'?

I happened to be on duty at the time, and I politely informed him that our policy at the Jordan Times is never to publish so-called press releases in the guise of news, since they are nothing more than personal or business advertisements and that it would be dishonest to treat them as anything other than that.

I ask you, dear reader, are we warped-minded to force on your spotless sensibilities the worst information in the world? Which front-page news item would you be more interested in reading: One headlined "12 businessmen to arrive in Amman," or one headlined "12 businessmen die in Amman air disaster?"

Thereupon, he briefed me on the details of his press release and I agreed that some readers might consider it of interest to learn of the arrival in Amman of a group of foreign businessmen and, as such, the announcement was a legitimate news item which we can publish -- free of charge, of course -- on our national news page.

I think you will agree, dear reader, that it is not us, journalists, who are warped-minded; we simply supply what is expected of us. Not, I hasten to explain, that you, dear reader, are so warped-minded as to be interested in the so warped-minded as the most pregnant with significance. Therefore, what limited space they have, newspapers have to devote it to such things.

But why not on page one?" the gentleman bluntly asked me. I explained that the newspaper devotes a daily page to news of national significance where his press release would belong and that, besides, our readers expect us to reserve our front, and most important, page to the big and dramatic stories of the day.

But we are all agreed that such news is ugly and we all would like, I am sure, to never know of it. If readers can get fed up with such ugly news although they are able to pick each and choose what they read, I can assure you that journalists are sick unto suffering from the excess of all the gore and blood because they cannot choose; they have to read the whole lot to prepare a newspaper.

Regardless of how absurd it was, the situation was exactly as he had described it. But putting it like that was unfair of him. The Jordan Times, as any other self-respecting newspaper, could only devote the space on its most important page to news of major public interest. What this gentleman had to offer, if it were news at all, belonged to another page. Our policy of news selection was not likely to be altered to accommodate his business interests and our principles were not likely to be bent for the sake of his money.

But journalists don't have to publish everything that happens. Would you mind, dear reader, if your newspaper protected you from the knowledge that such an air crash took place in such a place or that such an earthquake hit such a town? If we don't feel you particularly want to read such ugly news we won't publish it; and since you are not so warped-minded that you want to read of such things, dear reader, journalists will be free to agree among themselves to ignore such violence and ugliness entirely.

Of course if this would occur air crashes and earthquakes would still happen. However, other "news" like hijacking, taking schoolchildren as hostages and assassinating political figures would eventually stop because people do these ugly things for the sake of publicity, knowing that journalists will vie with each other to report them. But if journalists agree never to publish ugly things -- whether or not ugly things will stop happening -- newspapers will at least have some space left to carry on their front pages the sort of press releases the well-dressed and well-spoken gentleman had to offer. And the Jordan Times will have space on page one to publish a story describing how idyllic my last weekend in Aqaba was.

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Jordanian-Turkish film just completed

Eagle hunts down gang; Good triumphs over evil

In spite of the boom now hitting Jordan in so many fields, the film industry is still very new and the camera is proceeding with circumspection... Yet, a month ago, Amman witnessed an effervescence with the shooting of a Jordanian-Turkish co-production called "The Eagle of the East". This colour film will be shown as part of King Hussein's silver jubilee celebrations in Jordan, Turkey and other countries.



The young star: Azzam Ghazi.

By Irene Ramadan
Special to the Jordan Times

The eagle of the East is nothing but a Jordanian security officer who masters a gang trying to illegally sell important archaeological items. This officer does not only have to use his mind to track down the gang, but also his muscles. Jordanian actor Ghazi Hawash, who plays this role, is very skilful -- he jumps high between the columns of Jarash and drives madly in pursuit of his adversaries. And during these magnificent feats of adventure, he is often surrounded

by real partners, who are in fact officers of the security forces, who accepted to cooperate in the film to promote the seventh art in Jordan. The Ministries of Information, Interior and Tourism also gave a hand. Big names in the Turkish cinema industry also star in "The Eagle of the East". There is first of all the blond, beautiful star, Aho Tuba. Another actress of quality and equal beauty is brunette Dazin Dougan. The Turkish male star is Yalchin Johian. On the Jordanian side, Ahmad Ibrahim, Mahmoud Kawash and Ali Abu Samra star.



Security officer Ghazi Hawash jumps into action in Jarash.



JORDANIAN LOVE STORY IN TAIWAN

Jordanians are involved in another production. Work on a joint Jordanian-Chinese-American production is just being completed in Taiwan. The film, called "A Beautiful Challenge", is about love on campus. A Chinese girl, actress Ten Be Len, is loved by three boys: A Jordanian, actor Hussein Dasso; an American, Alfred Tom, and a Chinese boy, Lo Chin. After swinging a lot, her heart falls for the Chinese boy, whom she marries... Before the happy end, you'll see plenty of karate and kung fu.

FAST PACE

Mohammad Kara Hafez, the producer of the film, is also Turkish. Annually he produces over 30 films. Director Shetin Anash -- also Turkish -- has made "The Eagle" a real action film. Using the ancient and modern sides of Jordan, he moved his actors from one location to another at a very fast pace. While being captivated by the plot, the audience will easily recognize the setting for the various scenes: The Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, Jarash, downtown Amman, the Philadelphia theatre, the Red Sea and so on.

The theme of this production is very traditional -- the eternal victory of the good guys over the baddies. After several ambiguous situations, the gang is broken up. Law reigns again as everyone wants.

"The Eagle of the East" is full of suspense -- and also of surprise. One example is a new revelation: The young 10-year-old actor Azzam Ghazi, the son of Ghazi Hawash. From father to son, as they say...



Blond and beautiful -- that's Turkish actress Aho Tuba, starring in the detective story "The Eagle of the East", a Jordanian-Turkish co-production.



Actress Dazin Dougan.

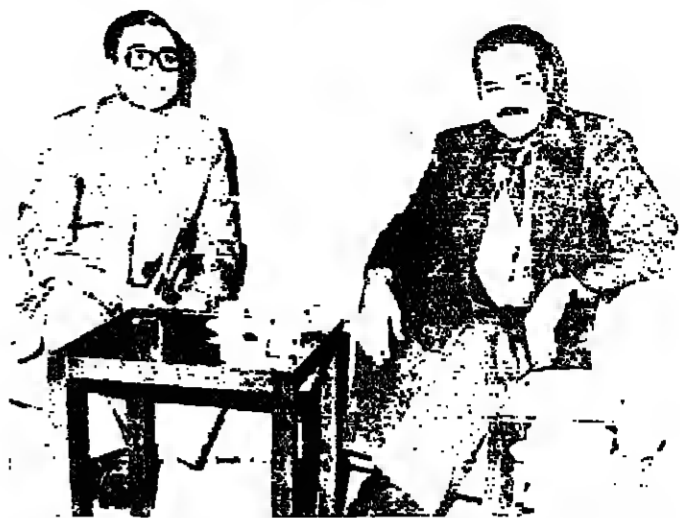
THE FIRST JORDANIAN FILM...

The first Jordanian film was shot in 1950. Entitled "Struggle in Jarash", it starred Ahmad Ibrahim and Ghazi Hawash, stars in "The Eagle of the East". The second one was "Jordan, My Beloved Country".

KING HUSSEIN VISITS HOME OF SHEIKH GHOSHEH

AMMAN (JNA). -- His Majesty King Hussein visited the home of the late Sheikh Abdullah Ghosheh Friday and offered his condolences to members of his family.

Sheikh Ghosheh, the country's Chief Justice, died on Tuesday at the age of 70.



Education Minister Dr. Abdul Salam Majali sits with Interior Minister Suleiman Arar (right) at Amman airport Friday before his departure on a Gulf tour. (JNA photo).

Majali leaves on Gulf tour

AMMAN (Agencies). -- Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Majali left here Friday for Kuwait on a tour which will also take him to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

In a press statement at Amman airport, Dr. Majali said he would discuss with officials in the Gulf the position of Jordanian teachers there and increasing the exchange of scholarships with the Gulf states.

Dr. Majali added that a special committee will be set up to determine regulations for Jordanian teachers in the Gulf.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Diana Kirkbride gives a slide lecture on the pre-pottery neolithic village of Beidha at the Haya Arts Centre on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. She has done extensive excavation work at Beidha, which lies at the back door of Petra. A visit to the site will be arranged at a later date.

BETHLEHEM MAYOR RECEIVES \$600,000 FROM ABU DHABI

BETHLEHEM, May 27 (R). -- Mr. Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem on the occupied West Bank, returned here tonight from the Gulf state of Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Freij told reporters Abu Dhabi authorities granted him \$600,000 for development projects in the town. One of the main schemes planned by the Bethlehem Municipality was a large public park in the square facing the Church of the Nativity.

White Beds bazaar opens its doors to public

AMMAN (JNA). -- Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni Friday opened an international bazaar organized by the White Beds Society in cooperation with Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

The bazaar, organized for King Hussein's silver jubilee, contains displays of pottery, clothing, electric apparatus, children's toys, agricultural tools, hides, books, handicrafts and wood and mother-of-pearl works.

Dishes of national food from participating embassies are also on display.

Proceeds will be spent on completing home for the aged at Juwayydeh, south of Amman. It will be opened in August.

ROADBLOCKS SET UP AFTER PRISON ESCAPE

AMMAN (Agencies). -- Police and army patrols have set up roadblocks after a group of army deserters escaped from a prison near Zarqa Thursday evening.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Interior said that some of the prisoners had been recaptured and others were being chased.

The spokesman did not say how many were involved.

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UNCTAD conference fails to reach sugar agreement

GENEVA, May 27 (R). — Six weeks of international talks aimed at ensuring stable sugar prices for both producers and consumers have ended here without agreement, informed sources said yesterday.

The sources said the conference of more than 70 countries, held under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), had failed to break a deadlock over how to stabilize prices.

Conference Chairman Ernest Jones-Parry of Britain was expected to announce formally the end of the meeting today the sources added.

The delegates were trying to reach a new international sugar agreement regulating the world free market which accounts for more than three-quarters of total world sugar trade. The rest of international sugar sales are taken up mainly by Cuban exports to other socialist countries.

The sources said Mr. Jones-Parry would suggest that a small group of leading sugar consumer and producer nations

meet in London in July to try and work out a basis for a new sugar accord.

The failure of the conference to agree on price-stabilising measures became clear after five major nations — exporters Australia and Brazil and consumers Canada, Japan and the United States — conceded that they could not break their deadlock.

The talks were aimed at keeping sugar prices steady, not only for housewives but for farmers in the exporting countries. World sugar prices soared in 1974 and consumption outpaced production and world stocks fell.

Since then, the situation has been reversed as consumption has fallen in the face of high prices and production increased because of the prospects of increased profits.

The delegates were discussing a possible price band with fixed maximum and minimum market prices, reserve stockpiles to keep prices down in times of shortage and export limits to prevent too-low prices resulting from over-supply.

The major impasse was over

the size of reserve stockpiles and who should finance them, the sources said.

The consumer countries wanted the stockpiles to be as large as possible, to ensure supply. But the producers were opposed to this, because of the cost and the fact that large stockpiles would keep prices down.

The sources said the United States and the EEC had shown readiness to accept a system of sharing the cost of maintaining reserve stocks but that some major importing countries had disagreed.

The question of a fixed price band had not been a major point of deadlock, they added.

The sources said that if Mr. Jones-Parry's suggestion for a session of key countries — possibly around 20 — goes ahead in London in July, they would try to work out some sort of framework for a new sugar agreement.

If they were successful, the chairman could then ask UNCTAD Secretary-General Gamani Corea to reconvene the sugar conference in September, the sources added.

Lockheed payoffs reach \$30 million

BURBANK, California, May 27 (AFP). — The American Lockheed Aircraft Corporation said yesterday it had made payoffs and bribes totalling over \$30 million between 1970 and 1975, more than \$6 million above the sum admitted previously.

A report published yesterday, which was prepared for the company's board of directors after an investigation carried out by Lockheed, indicated that most of the payments had been made in Saudi Arabia.

Last year, admissions by Lockheed that the company had made payoffs triggered off political scandals in Japan, The Netherlands, Italy and West Germany.

The report said the directors preferred not to make public the names of those who had received the money because of "the grave damage this might cause to Lockheed."

D'Estaing urges Soviet, E. European involvement in financing development

PARIS, May 27 (AFP). — The Soviet Union and other East European nations should be involved in actions arising out of the "north-south dialogue", French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing said today.

He told the newspaper Le Figaro he favoured "structures allowing all industrialised nations, and particularly those of East Europe, to contribute towards financing development depending on their various means."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said that at the first session of the Paris talks (the Conference on International Economic Co-operation — CIEC) he expressed the view that it was "fundamentally important" that the socialist countries take part.

He had told Soviet leaders that "we would keep them informed of the progress of the conference."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing went on: "The Soviet Union has major diversified resources: East

Germany is the world's seventh largest industrial nation. Why should they be kept out of the action to be undertaken? Why should they hold aloof?"

The French leader said he would discuss the matter with Soviet General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev when he visits France next month.

Referring to this month's Western Economic Summit in London, he said that Japan's participation was more active. But he did not gain the impression that President Carter envisaged a tripartite approach involving the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

The London Summit was a dialogue between the United States and Western Europe with the participation of Japan, he said.

On difficulties encountered by various sectors of West Europe's industry, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said that these problems — except in the case of textiles — did not stem from developing countries, but from industrial nations like Japan or those becoming industrialised like Singapore.

UAE bank crisis denied

ABU DHABI, May 27 (R). — Monetary officials of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) declined comment yesterday on British newspaper reports that there was a banking crisis in the UAE and that the Currency Board's managing director had offered his resignation.

Senior managers of international banks in the country however dismissed the reports, saying there was "certainly no crisis" in the UAE.

They said new banking regulations introduced by the Currency Board three days ago, which gave the board greater control over the operations of all local financial institutions were necessary and in line with normal international banking practice.

The regulations were similar to those already operated by major banks and only introduced

a discipline into the banking scene that was elsewhere.

"The proof that there is no crisis is that the dirham deposit rate has remained unchanged," one of the North American sources said.

Financial sources said that Mr. Ronald Managing Director of the Currency Board which operates a central bank, had not appeared to be based on speculation already appearing in the Gulf area since Mr. Scott had said that these were denied by Currency Board officials.

Financial observers said that the Currency Board did not usually comment on reports about affecting the UAE.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEF

* WASHINGTON, May 27 (R). — American Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told Algeria today that a successful come for the north-south dialogue in Paris would mark a stage in cooperation between developed and developing countries. Mr. Vance said in a message to Algerian Foreign Minister Abdoul Aziz Bouteflika that the Paris conference gave impetus to international negotiations on matters of interest to Third World countries. Mr. Vance said the months of talks in Paris had speeded up the work of organisations on such matters as commodities, financial aid to the poorest countries, trade and agriculture.

* LONDON, May 27 (AFP). — The decline in sugar continued on the London Market yesterday, with values hitting their lowest point for three months. "Spot" sugar quoted at £122 a metric ton, £29 pounds (or 19 p) below the eight-month "high" reached just a month ago. Undermining sentiment has been the growing conviction of the Geneva negotiating conference on a new international agreement, due to end today, has become deadlocked.

* NEW YORK, May 27 (AFP). — The Hungarian electric firm Tungstram could soon become the first East European company to set up a factory in the United States, the magazine news week said here. Tungstram is negotiating with Acton tries of Cheswick, Pennsylvania to form a joint subsidiary to electric lamps in this country. Tungstram wants to make in the United States because Hungary does not enjoy favoured-nation treatment and currently has to pay 20 per cent customs, Business Week said.

* TUNIS, May 27 (AFP). — An American oil drilling rig is heading for a part of the continental shelf claimed by Tunisia prospect for oil for Libya. Newspapers here warned this cause new tension just two weeks after Libya agreed to negotiations over the contested zone offshore from Gabes, a Libyan port near the Libyan border. An American source said that a drilling platform of the American company Reading Bates was going to the contested waters.

* BEIRUT, May 27 (AFP). — Expansion of Beirut International Airport is planned at an estimated cost of 500 million Lebanese pounds (\$170 million), it was announced today. Planning with the aid of the Paris Airport Authority would be completed next year. The airport site, would be increased to threefold, a new runway laid and existing runways strengthened.

* ISLAMABAD, May 27 (AFP). — Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat will ask Arab governments to set up a fund to help him recover from economic effects of his 10-week old crisis, Palestinian Ambassador Hanl Al Hassan said today. He has caused a shortfall of \$400 million in exports alone, he said today.

EEC sees 15% energy reduction by 1985

BRUSSELS, May 27 (AFP). — The nine members of the European Economic Community should reduce their energy consumption by 15 per cent by 1985, the EEC Commission recommended yesterday.

Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, said the commission had drawn up proposals for further energy saving measures which, if applied throughout the EEC, would help create 300,000 new jobs.

Mr. Brunner said, the proposals would be submitted to a council session of EEC ministers in charge of energy on June 14 in Luxembourg.

He said the commission's proposals could work only if the nine showed political will to draw closer in three fields: — They had to establish joint judicial instruments in the field of energy policy. — They should achieve increased financial solidarity in the field of energy research, and — They would have to expand the borrowing opportunities inside the community with a view to financing energy projects.

In other words, Mr. Brunner said, the nine must improve the possibilities of financing, share the risks if need be, and encourage long term contracts in order to reduce the risks involved in investments by energy producers.

Mr. Brunner said the funds thus mobilised should preferably be earmarked for electricity production, including nuclear power plants, energy conservation measures and improvement of the EEC power transport grid.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.K. sterling	569.0	575.0
U.S. dollar	330.0	332.0
German mark	140.3	140.7
French franc	66.9	67.2
Swiss franc	131.7	132.1
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6
Japanese yen	119.3	119.7
Saudi riyal	93.3	93.5
Lebanese pound	107.5	108.2
Syria pound	81.0	81.3
Iraqi dinar	947.0	958.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1,145.0	1,156.0
Egyptian pound	460.0	463.0
Libyan dinar	760.0	770.0
U.A.E. dirham	84.6	85.0

Nigeria loses on air cargo embargo

LAGOS, May 27 (AFP). — The state-run Nigeria Airways is losing 200,000 naira (\$320,000) daily because of a measure it introduced some time ago.

The airline placed an embargo on air cargo traffic in order to enable it clear backlog of cargoes which had been mounting at the sheds in the airport here.

For the 40 days that the embargo has lasted, the total

loss to the airline is estimated at eight million naira (\$12.8 million).

According to Cargo Manager O. C. Oniye, goods dating back to 1971 were still lying unclaimed in the cargo sheds.

Mr. Oniye blamed this on customs and excise: "If the customs obeyed the 14-day ultimatum to declare goods overtime and remove such goods for sale there would not have been any congestion."

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B.P.'s North Sea oil production on target

LONDON, May 27 (R). — Oil production from the seven British fields in the North Sea is well on target, the Department of Energy said yesterday.

Production figures for April were 718,000 barrels a day, the equivalent of 35 million tons annually or 40 per cent of Britain's present demand for oil, spokesman said.

The April figure was almost identical to that for March but the department said that production from British Petroleum's Forties Field had been reduced for a period because of work on the platforms.

"Nevertheless, this year's production is well on target," the spokesman said.

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2. Nadim Al Dajani	J. MARKA	Kamal	Salah	55.5
3. Yousef Kettaneh	ALA MAHLAK	Marmar	56	
4. Tawfiq Ksous	FOZEH	Owner	Silmi	55.5
5. Adel Hatter	N. ILFALA	Marmar	53	
6. Ali Abu Soukot	SHALABIAH	Owner	Ahmad	52.5
7. Dalafallah Mohammad	MALIHA	Owner	Khalaf	52.5
8. Rashid Odeh	N. AL KHEIR	Khalaf	49.5	
9. Ghalib Haddadin	FITNIH	Owner	Alih	45.5
10. Mishrif Alifan	DABHA	Owner	Radwan	45.5

FOURTH RACE

5:00 p.m.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 2,000 METRES

1. Bahjat Farcous	EL TAMRI	Owner	Ibrahim	56
2. Samir Farkouh	A. EL NEEL	Marmar	Saad	56
3. Khalil Borgan	BUSHRAN	Marmar	Salameh	54
4. Sami Yaqoub	FAWAR	Kamal	Salah	54
5. Ismail Salem	UM EL SAAD	Blon	Radwan	49.5

SECOND RACE

4:00 p.m.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES

DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Saif H. Majali	RADDAD	All	Ahmad	54
2. Tawfiq Ksous	KWAIES	Marmar	Salameh	54
3. Tawfiq Ksous	HABBAE	Marmar	Saad	51
4. Nadim S. Al Dajani	ANBAR	Kamal	Salah	54
5. Falek Kawar	BINT EL REEH	All	52.5	
6. El Talla's Stable	SAKLAWI	Sadoun	Talal	50
7. Was'ef Bisharat	OSHAIRAT	Blon	Mikhail	48.5

FIFTH RACE

5:30 p.m.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Samir Farkouh	NAHLAWI	Marmar	Saad	56
2. Tawfiq Ksous	MHMMAS	Ibrahim	Ibrahim	56
3. Marmar S. Lallat	AJAB	Marmar	Salameh	55
4. El Talla's Stable	SABHAN	Sadoun	Talal	54
5. Was'ef Bisharat	ZOBA'AH	Blon	Mikhail	54
6. Bahjat Farcous	A. EL HAWA	Owner	Atieh	54

THIRD RACE

4:30 p.m.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Saif H. Majali	EL NEES	All	Ahmad	57
2. El Talla's Stable	KHALAN	Sadoun	Talal	57
3. Was'ef Bisharat	MOSTINK	Blon	Mikhail	57
4. Falek Kawar	EL YAMAMEH	Blon	Radwan	52.5
5. Sami Yaqoub	MAHASIN	Kamal	Salah	48.5

SIXTH RACE

6:00 p.m.

FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES

DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Saif H. Majali	SINAG	All	Radwan	52
2. Saif H. Majali	SHAKHS	All	Ahmad	48
3. Yousef Kittaneh	AREEN	Marmar	Salameh	50
4. Yousef Kittaneh	NASSAF	Marmar	Ibrahim	50
5. Tawfiq Ksous	SABIR AYYOUB	Marmar	Saad	48
6. Abbond Shwairi	M. LOBNAN	Owner	Mikhail	48
7. Ismail Salem	GHANDORAH	Blon	Diab	46.5

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading in the London Foreign Exchange Market Friday. Tourist rates differ from those quoted below.

one sterling =	1.7167 / 69	U.S. dollars
one dollar =	2.3575 / 85	West German DM
	2.4635 / 50	Dutch guilders
	2.5050 / 65	Swiss francs
	36.07 / 09	Belgian francs
	885.60 / 90	Italian lire
	277.20 / 30	Japanese yen
	4.3645 / 65	Swedish crown
	5.2650 / 70	Norwegian crown
	6.0110 / 30	Danish crown

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices suffered another sharp decline Friday on the New York Stock Exchange where the industrial average lost more than nine points and closed below 900 for the first time in more than 16 months.

Trading was slow on the eve of the long Memorial Day weekend. Most U.S. commercial banks raised their prime rates from 6-1/2 to 6-3/4 per cent today and, although this had been expected, it apparently had a very negative influence on the market. The Commerce Department also announced that index of leading indicators rose only 0.5 per cent in April following a sharp 1.9 per cent gain in March.

Losees led gainers at the close by a wide margin: 857 of most groups of shares closed on a weaker tone with the exception of gold mines, where Dome Mines rose 1-1/8 to \$46.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 898.53, a gain of 9.24 points; Transp at 238.02, a loss of 2.58; utilities at a gain of 0.06. 15,730,000 shares changed hands, of which 5,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government bonds fell Friday by up to 1-1/4 points in concern about higher interest rates, dealers said. Thin trading exaggerated the fall.

Equities followed the trend having opened slightly higher. At 15:00 the F.T. index was off seven points at 454.5 after the U.S. and Canadian issues were higher in line with the U.S. dollar premium. Australians turned firmer and gold was steadier.

Bats was 1 1/2p down and Shell lost 10p. ICI, Guinness, Hawker Siddeley and Thorn eased between 6p and 8p to 7p.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$144.40/100

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APOLOGY

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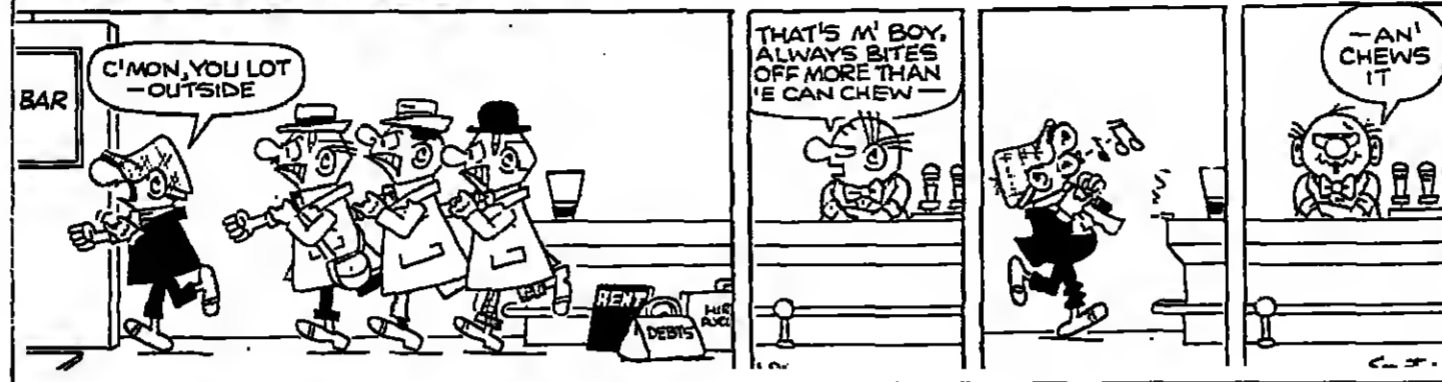


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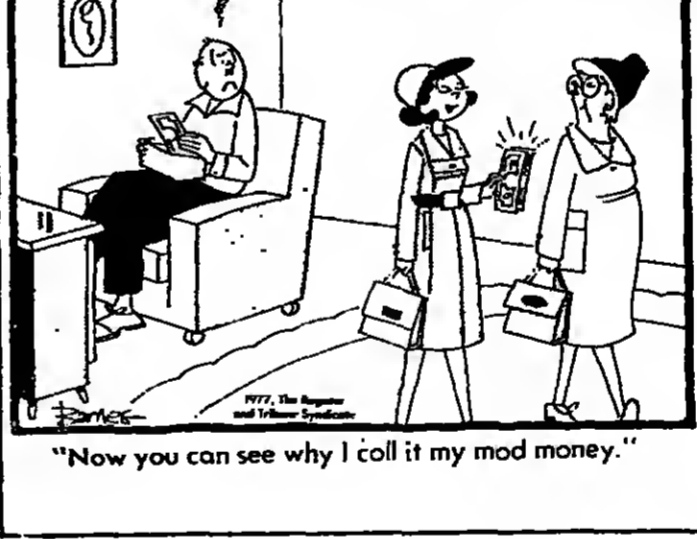


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ENGLAND Wiles: "Scuse me, lady. Did you forget that your taxi is waiting?"

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



WORLD RECORD The longest ski jump ever recorded is one of 169 metres by Heinz Wosipiwo (East Germany) at Oberstdorf, West Germany, on 9 March 1973.

GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF 1977 by Chicago Tribune

ASK OMAR Q.—What is a gambling three no trump opening bid, and how should partner respond to it?—M. Roth, Atlanta, Ga. (This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—As most commonly played, the gambling three no trump is a preemptive bid, designed to try to steal a game. The requirements for the bid are: A solid seven-card minor suit with no more than one king in one outside suit. It might seem that a bid of this sort is a risky venture—and indeed it is to a certain extent. However, there are certain safeguards built into partner's responses: 1. A response of four clubs is an escape. Opener is required to pass if his suit is clubs or correct to four diamonds if that is his suit. 2. A response of four hearts or four spades is natural. To play, responder has a long suit and a good hand, but is not interested in slam. 3. A response of five clubs is made with a good hand unsuitable to play in notrump but useful for play in a minor suit. Again, opener passes if his suit is clubs or corrects to five diamonds if that is his suit. 4. A response of four no trump is Blackwood, asking for kings rather than aces. Since the opening bid promises the ace and king of opener's long suit, and no outside ace, opener starts his response one step lower—i.e., five clubs would show the king of opener's suit and no other king, five diamonds would show the king of opener's suit plus one outside king. This leaves one possibility uncovered. Suppose responder has a hand which contains a singleton diamond, three or four clubs and good controls in the major suits. Responder would like to play in game if opener's suit is clubs, but not if it is diamonds. He can find this out by bidding four diamonds. Opener passes if his suit is diamonds, but converts to five clubs if that is his suit.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Jumble word game section with words like NENAH, TOAFO, SHRUPE, BEMMER and a cartoon of a roofer.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a solution key for yesterday's puzzle.

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Front-line states will unite against Rhodesia, S. Africa if attacked

LUSAKA, Zambia, May 27 (AFP). — Southern African front-line states today threatened South Africa and Rhodesia with joint retaliation if Pretoria or Salisbury attacked any one of them.

Interior and defence ministers of Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania started a two-day inter-state defence and security meeting today with a pledge that "an attack on one is an attack on all."

The meeting was attended by Zambian Home Affairs Minister Aaron Mwaanga, Tanzanian Defence Minister Rashid Kawawa, Mozambique's Defence Minister Joaquim Chipande and Angolan Interior Minister Rodriguez Lopes.

Mr. Kawawa said: "We shall spare no efforts to ensure that the momentum of the liberation struggle reaches its logical conclusion while ensuring that the territorial integrity and security of front-line states are effectively defended."

The Tanzanian defence minister also said one of the major weapons needed to deliver the "death blow" to Rhodesian

Premier Ian Smith was unity within the rank and file of the Patriotic Front, the nationalist grouping led by Mr. Joshua Nkomo and Mr. Robert Mugabe.

The defence and security meeting, which was not being attended by Botswana, is mapping out a common strategy to deal with invasions and attacks from white-ruled countries of Rhodesia and South Africa.

"To be more specific I mean that a united military strategy of the Patriotic Front is the real answer to the liberation of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)," Mr. Kawawa said in his opening remarks to the meeting.

Mr. Lopes said the front-line states should plan a strategy to repel aggression from Rhodesia and South Africa, adding that his country would come out "in full force if Zambia is attacked by rebel leader Ian Smith."

Mr. Chipande told the meeting that front-line states must be geared to supporting liberation movements in Southern Africa.

He said when Zambia was attacked by either Rhodesia or South Africa "Frelimo militants will come forward and join the fight against the enemy."

Zambia last week placed its armed forces on a war footing following Rhodesian threats to invade nationalist guerrilla bases in Zambia and President Kaunda ordered his troops to "shoot on sight" civilian and military planes from Rhodesia.

Last week Zambian and Rhodesian defence forces exchanged fire in the Victoria Falls area, but no casualties were reported by either side.

In a separate incident, four Zambians were killed in a landmine explosion when their van hit a landmine alleged to have been planted by Rhodesian troops in the Chirundu area near Lake Kariba.



FREE -- Dutch schoolchildren wave to newsmen and spectators as they drive by bus from Bovensmilde school to hospital for first medical checkup. The children were released Friday morning after being kept as hostages of South Moluccan gunmen since Monday morning. (AP wirephoto).

Soviet airliner crashes in Cuba

HAVANA, May 27 (R). — An Aeroflot passenger jet crashed at Havana Airport today while coming in to land after a flight from Europe, an Aeroflot spokesman said.

The spokesman refused to give any more information on

the crash, but diplomatic sources said the plane was burning and it was possible there were no survivors.

According to Aeroflot timetables, the plane was an Ilyushin 62M, flight number SU331. The jet can carry 138 passengers.

It was not known how many passengers were on board but Aeroflot flights into Havana often run full because they are carrying Cuban students returning from abroad.

The plane was due to land here at about 06:00 local time (12:00 GMT) after a flight from Moscow, Frankfurt and Lisbon.

Diplomatic sources said the plane had already been considerably delayed before it came in to land here.

There was no immediate indication what might have caused the crash.

Soviet hijacker likely to get asylum in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 27 (R). — A Russian who hijacked a Soviet airliner to Stockholm by threatening to blow it up will almost certainly be granted political asylum in Sweden, sources close to the government said here today.

They said the Justice Ministry would decide that the man risked political persecution or a lengthy jail sentence if extradited, as Soviet authorities have demanded.

The plane, an Antonov AN-24 of Soviet airline Aeroflot, left here this afternoon with its crew of five and 17 other passengers to return to Latvia. It was on a domestic flight

from Riga, to Dvinsk in Latvia yesterday when forced to change course by the still unidentified hijacker. He is in police custody.

The man, a 37-year-old engineer, hijacked the plane by pretending that a packet of newspapers he had beneath his coat was a bomb.

He told police his motive was to escape from the Soviet Union. He said he had previously been punished for trying to leave the country without permission.

A search of the plane last night by Swedish bomb experts revealed no explosives or weapons on board.

Soviet authorities said the hijacker should be regarded as a terrorist and returned for trial, but under Swedish law a request for a person's extradition must be accompanied by documents showing he has been charged or convicted by a court.

The sources close to the government said that if granted asylum here the man would be tried for hijacking and could face a sentence of up to 10 years. But the sources commented that as no weapons or explosives were involved and no lives were lost or property damaged, a Swedish court would probably deal leniently with the case.

After virus illness spreads among hostages S. Moluccan gunmen free schoolchildren

BOVENSMILDE, Holland, May 27 (R). — Dawn brought freedom today for 97 children held at gunpoint since Monday in their primary school here by five South Moluccan guerrillas.

Justice Minister Andreas van Agt said later in the Hague "halfway through the evacuation it looked as if things might go wrong. We were scared stiff."

The gunmen agreed to free them after a virus illness broke out inside the school, spreading like wildfire among the hostages.

As soon as this phase had been completed the bus moved up. One by one of the children fled out of the school, their hair plaiting in the early morning sun.

News of their release was greeted with enormous relief throughout the country. Prime Minister Joop den Uyl declared "I'm pleased as punch" -- then turned his energies to negotiating the release of four teachers still held in the school and 36 other hostages, and a train hijacked by another Moluccan group near here.

Moving slowly and cloaked in brown army blankets they walked past the school room that had served as their prison for four days. A guerrilla watched their every move from behind a curtain, the black snout of his submachinegun clearly visible to anxious watchers.

Several of the children had been freed during the night because they were ill and at 3:45 a.m. (01:45 GMT) the five guerrillas agreed to let the whole group go.

With the children went one of the five teachers held in the school, 29-year-old Mr. Simon van Beetz, although it was not known if he was ill.

Within minutes a convoy of orange and white ambulances followed by a bus was rolling into Bovensmilde. Its arrival electrified the sleeping village.

Nature has given us a helping hand," he told reporters. A ministry spokesman at Assen said later that the four teachers still held in the school had not been infected by the virus. But it is believed that some of the gunmen may have diarrhoea.

Parents and other relatives rushed into the streets to watch in total silence the freeing of the children, which took two-and-a-half hours to complete.

Only the dawn chorus of birds and the persistent crowing of a cock broke the early morning stillness. The children, blankets trailing on the ground, stood in silence, some of them hand in hand, as they waited to board the white and silver bus.

The operation began in semi-darkness with 35 of the most seriously ill children being carried out on wheeled stretchers. Sometimes the smaller children were placed two to a stretcher, lying head to tail and wrapped in blankets.

At last the bus moved off to a special Red Cross centre set up in the local Dutch Reformed Church. The tension was broken and parents rushed to the church to be reunited with their children.

At one point the evacuation halted when the guerrillas shouted new demands over a loudspeaker. An official argued with them for about 20 minutes. Then the stretchers began moving again.

Social workers who received the children there said they looked pale and seemed shy. Some still clutched an apple in their hand, left over from their dinner the night before.

The illness which forced the

Italian film wins Cannes' Grand Prix

CANNES, France, May 27 (Agencies). — The Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival was awarded today to "Padre Padrone" of Mr. Paolo and Mr. Vittorio Taviani of Italy.

The award for best actress was shared by the United States' Miss Shelley Duvall for her role in Mr. Robert Altman's "Three Women" and Canada's Miss Monique Mercure for her part in "J.A. Martin, Photographe."

The best actor's award went to Spain's Mr. Fernando Rey for his performance in Mr. Carlos Saura's "Elisa Mi Vida."

Top honours for best film were unanimously awarded to Britain's Mr. Ridley Scott for "The Duellists."

A prize for the best musical score went to America's Mr. Norman Whitfield for "Car Wash", while the Grand Prix for film shorts was awarded to Hungary's Mr. Marcel Jankovics' "Kuzdok."

The jury gave a special mention to Brazil's Mr. Glauber Rocha for "Di Cavalcanti", and rendered homage to the late Peter Follies.

PLO envoy foresees Pakistani solution

ISLAMABAD, May 27 (R). — Anti-government demonstrations have taken at least 340 lives.

During his visit Mr. Al Hassan delivered a message to Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from PLO leader Yasser Arafat. He also met the leader of the opposition Pakistani National Alliance (PNA), Maulana Mufi Mahmud.

Discussing his meeting with the PNA chief, Mr. Al Hassan said that Maulana Mufi agreed there should be an "early and quick" settlement so extremists powers did not take advantage of the situation.

Big rises in Israeli prices

TEL AVIV, May 27 (R). — The Israeli government Price Committee has approved substantial increases in the price of tea and rice, government sources said today. The sources said loose tea will be increased in price by 67 per cent, tea bags by 30 per cent and rice by 27 per cent. They said the increases were linked to a sharp rise in world prices, pointing out that a ton of tea which cost \$1,800 at the beginning of this year now sells for \$3,800.

Text of U.N. resolution extending mandate of forces on Golan Heights

UNITED NATIONS, May 27 (R). — Following is the text of the resolution adopted yesterday by the Security Council extending the mandate of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights for another six months, until Nov. 30.

The resolution is virtually identical to one adopted in November 1976 when the council last extended the life of the 1,200-man force which serves as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli armies.

The Security Council:

Decides:

A. To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council Resolution 338 (1973) of Oct. 22 1973;

B. To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until Nov. 30, 1977;

C. To request the secretary general to submit at the end of this period a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement Security Council Resolution 338 (1973).

(End text.)

(Security Council resolution 338 of October 1973 called for a cease-fire and negotiations in the wake of the last Arab-Israeli war.)

No Soviet tanks passed Djibouti to Ethiopia, French authorities say

DIJBOUTI, May 27 (AFP). — French authorities here yesterday denied reports that a consignment of Soviet-made T-54 tanks passed through Djibouti Port on its way to Ethiopia recently.

British press reports yesterday, quoting the weekly magazine Defence and Foreign Affairs, said the armaments for Lt.-Col. Mengistu Haile-Mariam's Marxist military government had come from a vast stockpile of Soviet weaponry near Aden, South Yemen.

The magazine said French authorities turned a blind eye to the consignment. Djibouti (French Territory of Affairs and Issas) is due for independence on June 27.

A statement from the French High Commission denied that military material of any origin had passed along the newly-opened highway into Ethiopian territory as alleged.

A report to this effect in the London Daily Mail was "pure invention" the High Commission said.

Only one convoy of vehicles had used the road -- opened last March 23 -- the statement said. It consisted of 177 Ethiopian trucks carrying wheat.

Reports here early this month, however, said a large convoy carrying T-54 tanks had gone to Addis Ababa through territory partly occupied by Eritrean and Afar guerril-

Red Cross meet gives captured guerrillas prisoner-of-war status

GENEVA, May 27 (R). — A 100-nation conference here working on new rules of war conducted yesterday to give captured guerrillas prisoner-of-war status.

But several countries criticised the proposed addition to the Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners, sick and wounded as imprecise, blurring the distinction between civilians and combatants in a war.

Voting was 73-to-1, with 21 abstentions, mainly by Western and Latin American states.

Britain, the only country at the Red Cross-sponsored conference to openly oppose the new article, said irregular fighters and guerrillas deserved protection under humanitarian law, but the text passed by delegates "would expose the

civilian population to very serious dangers."

Austria, which voted for the article, described it as "too cumbersome, too complicated and therefore difficult to apply," but said it at least gave some cover to guerrillas in an international war or liberation struggle.

Switzerland, explaining its abstention, warned delegates the new article could lead states to take "draconian measures against civilians who they suspect of being combatants" and said the text contained "flagrant contradictions" in its rules for distinguishing guerrillas from civilians.

The article said that even when a guerrilla could not distinguish himself from civilians he could still claim prisoner-of-war status if he carried his



INCHING TO THE TOP -- Mr. George Willis, said to be an amateur mountain climber, scales the south tower of New York's World Trade Centre on Thursday as police station themselves on a window-washing machine (right). Mr. Willis is using hooks and ropes to climb the 110-ft. flooded building. (AP wirephoto).

South African minister reaps mixed harvest after surprise statement on status of blacks

JOHANNESBURG, May 27 (AFP). — South African minister Piet Koornhof's hint that South African urban blacks might eventually have a say in the country's affairs has sparked a wide range of reactions throughout South Africa.

Mr. Koornhof said on Tuesday that South Africa was evolving towards a confederal system, similar to the Swiss Cantons, in which all the various races living within the country would take part in the decision-making process.

This was the first time that a government official publicly stated that urban blacks might eventually be regarded as full citizens of South Africa.

Under apartheid policy, these blacks are in theory citizens of Bantustans which, like the Transkei, are to become "independent".

The speech drew skeptical reactions from blacks. A spokesman of the militant Black People's Convention (BPC) said: "Mr. Koornhof's speech does not justify a reaction from BPC."

Several black leaders, including Zulu tribal chief Gatsha Buthelezi, reiterated their call for a "national convention" to be attended by all the races to shape the future of South Africa.

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Bomb blasts in Israel reported

BEIRUT, May 27 (R). — Palestinian commandos set off a number of bombs earlier this week in an Israeli town east of Tel Aviv, the Palestinian news agency, Wafa reported. It said incendiary devices were planted on Tuesday in Petah Tikvah, setting on fire the municipal stores and fuel tanks and killing or wounding an unknown number of Israeli soldiers.

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